



Sustainable Maryland Community Certification Report

This is the Sustainable Maryland Certification Report of Emmitsburg (Frederick), a Sustainable Maryland certified applicant.

Emmitsburg (Frederick) was certified on October 12, 2018 with 225 points. Listed below is information regarding Emmitsburg (Frederick)'s Sustainable Maryland efforts and materials associated with the applicant's certified actions.

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Sustainability Actions Implemented

Each approved action and supporting documentation for which Emmitsburg (Frederick) was approved for in 2018 appears below. Note: Standards for the actions below may have changed and the documentation listed may no longer satisfy requirements for that action. Additionally, points associated with actions prior to 2013 certifications may not be accurate.

Community Action

Participation in MD Green Schools

5 Points

Program Summary:

The Town of Emmitsburg has one Maryland Green School within its boundaries: Mother Seton School (certified 2009, re-certified 2014) The attached screenshot from the Maryland Association of Outdoor and Environmental Educators indicates this designation.

 [Participation in MD Green Schools Documentation](#)

 [Email Confirming Mother Seton Participation](#)

Green Team




Build SMC Resource Center

5 Points

Program Summary:

The Emmitsburg Resource Center is located in the front hallway of the town office and was created in 2006 when the town office moved to its current location at 300A South Seton Avenue. The information rack can be found directly on the left when a member of the public walks in the front door (see photo). The Resource Center currently includes the following (among other items): • Ride Guide: Frederick County TransIt system (see photo). • Emmitsburg Business and Professional's Association (EBPA) brochure, which shows where local businesses are located in Town and briefly describes the businesses. • Saving Your Ash Trees from the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle educational flyer for homeowners (see photo). • Maryland Bicycle Map for recreational use. • Frederick History Bicycle Loop map for recreational use. • Civil War Sites in Frederick County map for recreational use. • 2018 Rabies Clinic Schedule for Frederick County. • Town of Emmitsburg calendar with the farmers market dates/times. • Fire Museum and National Fire Heritage Center brochures for recreational and historical use. • Frederick County Road Map for Businesses. • Maryland Mortgage Program. • Lead and Your Drinking Water brochure. • Kids and Bicycle Safety flyer. • Frederick County Shelter-In-Place Emergency guide. It should be noted that the information

is rotated approximately three times a year to generate new interest in the Resource Center. Other information the Town will rotate includes flyers and brochures entitled “Composting: Do the Rot Thing,” “Harvesting Rainwater Using Rain Barrels,” “Maintaining Your Lawn While Protecting Water Quality,” “Gardening With Native Plants,” “Natural Household Cleaners,” the quarterly Town newsletters and the Frederick County Green Homes Challenge flyer (among other items).

-  [Resource Center Closeup](#)
-  [Resource Center Location in Hallway](#)
-  [Resource Center Sample _ Ash Borer](#)
-  [Resource Center Sample _ Cleaners](#)
-  [Resource Center Sample _ Translt Ride Guide](#)

Complete a Green Team Action Plan

10 Points

Mandatory

Program Summary:

In March 2015, the Green Team developed a community assessment survey which addressed possible areas of sustainable improvement for Emmitsburg. One thousand of the surveys were sent out with water billings and approximately 80 (8%) were returned. Mount Saint Mary's graduate students collated the survey results for the Town. These results combined with community input received through the Team's Community Heritage Day tent/community outreach in June 2017 provided valuable information for the creation of the Green Team three (3) year action plan. Given the timeline of three years, some of the information requested (cost, duration) is not available at this time. In addition, the Town is hoping to find grants to pursue some of these projects. The three-year action plan was unanimously approved by the Green Team on June 6, 2018.

-  [Community Outreach Survey Results](#)
-  [Three Year Action Plan: Emmitsburg Green Team](#)
-  [2015 Community Barriers & Benefits Assessment](#)
-  [2015 Community Barriers & Benefits Assessment Results](#)

Create Green Team

10 Points

Mandatory

Program Summary:

On April 21, 2014, the Emmitsburg Mayor and Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2014-01R, which is entitled “A Resolution Supporting Participation in the Sustainable

Maryland Certified Municipal Certification Program." The Resolution started the Emmitsburg Green Team. There was some town staff turnover in 2016, which resulted in the Green Team needing revitalization. In 2017 Mayor Briggs and Madeline Shaw, Town Clerk, joined together to revitalize the team. Invitations were sent to various residents, businesses and leaders. Since then, the Team has been growing and is actively recruiting new members. The team even got matching green team shirts in 2017. As of April 2018, the Green Team is composed of ten (10) community members. Members are... Donald Briggs, Mayor Madeline Shaw, Town Clerk Stephen McGinley, adjunct professor at Mount St. Mary's University, organic farmer Charlotte Mazaleski, town resident, election judge Libby Briggs, member of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association Michael Cantori, owner of Cantori's Magic Barbara Weedon, town resident, election judge Diane Walbrecker, Emergency Management Institute Training Specialist Tom Sherald, former Coach and Athletic Director for Catoclin High School Amy Myles, community activist and member of the Mother Seton Green School panel In 2017 Green Team meetings occurred February 22; March 22; May 16; September 14; and November 1. Prior to re-certification submittal, the Green Team met in 2018 on January 24, March 14 and June 6. Since the Town of Emmitsburg is a small town, the Team felt meeting approximately every six (6) weeks or so was adequate to accomplish the Team's goals. Meetings are occasionally adjusted to accommodate the schedules of the ten team members. Minutes from the first two meetings (02/22/2017 and 03/22/2017) and the 03/14/2018 meeting are attached as well as a copy of the signed resolution and a photo showing the team members in their matching shirts.

 [2014-01R Resolution - approval of sustainable communities](#)

 [Green Team with Matching Shirts](#)

 [2017_0222 Meeting Minutes](#)

 [2017_0322 Meeting Minutes](#)

 [2018_0314 Meeting Minutes](#)

Participate in SMC Green Team Training

5 Points

Program Summary:

Mike Hunninghake, Program Manager with Sustainable Maryland, visited the Emmitsburg town office on Wednesday January 24, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. for the mandatory Green Team training. The following members of the Green Team were present: Donald Briggs, Mayor Madeline Shaw, Town Clerk Stephen McGinley, adjunct professor at Mount St. Mary's University, organic farmer Charlotte Mazaleski, town resident Libby Briggs, member of the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association Michael Cantori, local business owner Barbara Weedon, town resident A copy of the meeting minutes and a photo of those in attendance (a few had to leave early) is attached for reference.

 [Emmitsburg Green Team Training Photo 1-24-2018](#)

 [Green Team Training Minutes 1-24-2018](#)

 [Sign In Sheet 01-24-2018](#)

Local Food Consumption

Establish Local Farmers Market

15 Points

Program Summary:

Emmitsburg's rural location allows for many farmers to be involved in the town's farmer's market. Many of the farmers also sell other products such as jams, baskets, flowers, baked goods, and some crafts. The market is advertised year round in places such as the town library and office as well as the parks and other public places. The market is located next to the building that holds the library, town offices, and senior center and is located adjacent to South Seton Avenue, the road leading off of Route 15 and one of the main entrances to town. Every year, the market is scheduled to be open on Fridays from 3:00 to 6:30 pm. The market runs from the second Friday in June through the end of September. This is the markets fifteenth (15) year of operation. Space for vendors is also advertised in the same places as the market and is free to all who want a space to sell their produce. There are by laws outlining rules restricting the sale of goods not produced by the vendors as well as requirements for kitchens and farms where goods are produced to ensure high quality products at the market. Vendors must be able to verify the locations and origin of the various items they are selling. The market is organized by a Town employee who coordinates vendor contracts, portable toilet delivery, and the maintenance/mowing of the market area. Other than the cost of the restroom and mowing, there is little to no cost for the Town. The Town did order a new farmer's market sign in 2017 (see photo). Vendor space is free; the Town does not profit from the market. This year there are about six contract vendors (including a monastery that brings fresh bread), and the Town is anticipating more vendors. Although not all vendors come every week, the farmers market appears to be a big success to those who attend. The market is well attended, with approximately fifty vehicles stopping over the three-hour hour operation.

 [New Farmers Market Sign - Installed 2017](#)

 [Farmers Market - Produce Vendor \(2017\)](#)

 [2018 Farmers Market Application](#)

 [List of Farmers Market Vendors: 2018](#)

 [June 2018 Newspaper Advertisement](#)

 [Farmers Market - Beef and Eggs Vendor \(2017\)](#)

Local Food Production

Community Gardens 15 Points Priority

Program Summary:

The Town of Emmitsburg maintains a small garden area of plots available to the residents of Emmitsburg. The Town office maintains a rental agreement list for the garden plots. The Town staff maintains the garden area prior to planting and provides mushroom soil mulch for the planting beds. The cost to the town is negligible. Two Town Commissioners (Joy and Blanchard) raised the idea of public garden plots due to community requests. Beginning in 2012 the Town made eight garden plots available to the citizens of the Town. Six plots are 4 X 6 and two are 8 X 10. The plots have been occupied each season but there has not been an excessive demand to increase the number or size of the plots. The garden plots are advertised each spring on the Town web page, Facebook, the local government TV channel and by flyers located throughout the community. The Town collects a \$20 refundable deposit for each plot. The deposit is refunded once the plot has been cleared at the end of the planting season. Other than clearing the plot at the end of the season, the Town does not require anything from the users. The plots are rented out to all local residents. Here is a newspaper article that describes the launch of the community garden:

http://www.fredericknewspost.com/archive/emmitsburg-board-approves-community-garden-plans/article_a88240ec-6016-5a42-8050-44effd060066.html

 [Community Gardens Documentation](#)

 [Community Gardens picture](#)

 [2018 Community Garden Plot Rental Form](#)

 [Community Gardens Picture](#)

 [2018_Garden Plot Website Advertisement](#)

Energy

Innovative Demonstration Projects 35 Points

Program Summary:

#1.) The Town of Emmitsburg has two solar fields that generate approximately 250,000 kWh/month. The electricity generated powers nineteen of the Town's largest electrical accounts and also the local Fire Company and the Town's Waste Water Treatment Plant. Overall the Town of Emmitsburg's electrical use is now supplied by well over 95% renewable energy. This includes the Town's new Waste Water Treatment Plant that uses 32% of the energy provided by field 2. Solar field #1 was opened in April 2014 and produces an average

of 124,700 kWh since its opening. Solar field #2 was opened in August 2015 and produces an average of 129,600 kWh since its opening. A grant from the Maryland Energy Administration was used for the site work. The solar arrays were constructed by Standard Solar under the terms of our Power Purchase Agreement. The field is operated by UGI of PA, which is our solar power final provider. #2.) LED Lights The Town also completed the replacement of all streetlights with LED bulbs. There were 330 bulbs replaced; evenly split between LED 360 35 watt and 45 watt bulbs. MEA provided a grant to cover a portion of the cost of the bulbs. This action cut our street light kWhs use by nearly 60% and the Town's overall use by roughly 9%. The attached chart shows the reduction in street light expenses since the upgrade in 2012. #3.) PowerStar In September 2015, the Town of Emmitsburg purchased a 150 kVa Powerstar Lite Voltage Optimization System ("Powerstar System") for the Town's Sanitary Sewer Pump Station located on Creamery Road in Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727. The Powerstar system was purchased from the Facility Resource Group, Inc (FRG) located in Frederick, Maryland. The Powerstar System is well established in Europe and the Middle East, but relatively new to North America. The Powerstar was installed to reduce the Town's power consumption by 10V at the pump station by reducing incoming voltage leading to lower electricity usage and reduced bills. The Powerstar returns the excess voltage in terms of real negative power which is then subtracted from the grid input power. Prior to installing the system, FRG estimated the Town's average annual electric costs incurred at the sewer pumping station will be reduced by \$2,059 per year or a total of \$17,587.00 over a period of 10 years as a result of the Powerstar. 70-80% of the savings come from the negative power feedback while 20-30% comes from the improvement in the equipment efficiencies. Kilowatt wise, FRG estimated the system would provide an annual savings of 19,717 kWh. The system was purchased with a 10 year warranty and a 100% savings guarantee. Recently the Town completed an analysis to see the energy savings (chart attached). This chart simply shows the bills pre-Powerstar (the first row) and then after installation (second and third row). Since installation, the Powerstar system has reduced electrical costs at the Sanitary Sewer Pump Station by approximately 56% for a savings of \$2,184.96. More savings and reduction in electrical consumption are anticipated.

 [2018 PowerStar Savings](#)

 [Emmitsburg Solar Fields \(Fields 1 and 2\)](#)

 [Installation of LED Street Lights](#)

 [2018 Solar Field 1 Energy Savings](#)

 [2018_LED Street Light Savings](#)

Buy Local Campaign

**Establish Local Business
Directory**

10 Points

Program Summary:

Emmitsburg has a very active local business community, which has organized as the Emmitsburg Business and Professional Association (EBPA). The Town supports the EBPA with office space and staff report updates as requested. The Town is not a member of the EBPA. Since at least 2008, the EBPA has been publicizing a local business directory through professionally designed brochures to assist in the recognition and location of local businesses and offices. The brochure is available throughout the businesses in the Town, the Town office and at the Town Square kiosk. Photography and printing are sourced to local businesses who are also members of the EBPA when the brochure is updated, approximately every two years. In 2018, the Town created a business directory on the town website at www.emmitsburgnd.gov (see photo). The online directory list businesses in alphabetical order and classifies businesses as either automotive, food and beverage, health and beauty, miscellaneous, retail and services for quick searches. In addition, the EBPA is currently in the process of updating the brochure to include newly added businesses to the community. Local businesses must register with the Town and are referred to the EBPA. The brochure is expected to be ready in spring 2019. You can view the EBPA webpage at: <http://www.ebpa.biz>

-  [Brochure Directory_ Page 2 Business Map](#)
-  [Brochure Directory_Back Page List of Businesses](#)
-  [Brochure Directory_Front Page](#)
-  [Facebook Promotion of Business Directory](#)
-  [Town Website Business Directory](#)

Green Business Recognition

Join Maryland Green Registry

5 Points

Program Summary:

The Town applied for inclusion in the Maryland Green Registry in 2015 and was officially added as a local government member in February 2015. In April 2017, the Town updated its Green Registry profile to include the following ten (10) qualifying action items: 1. Adopting an environmental policy statement (Policy 2014-01) stating the town's intention to pursue environmental stewardship through materials, products or services purchased/used. 2. Forming an environmental team (Green Team). 3. Forming annual environmental goals (Policy 2013-03). 4. Adopting an energy efficiency policy (Policy 2013-02). 5. Replacing all Town street lights with LED lights in 2013. 6. Becoming a Maryland Smart Energy Community in 2014. 7. Renewable Energy with the installation the Town's two solar fields. 8. A fleet vehicle policy. 9. Water conservation with a solar powered algae control system in

2017. 10. Improving walkability via eight different sidewalk connections in Town. The Town is pleased to announce in 2017 the Town won the 2017 Maryland Green Registry Leadership Award for “outstanding commitment to sustainable practices and the protection of Maryland’s natural resources and environment.” The award was presented to Mayor Donald Briggs and Madeline Shaw, Town Clerk, at the June 14, 2017 award ceremony by Maryland Secretary of the Environment, Ben Grumbles, in Annapolis. Please find the 2017 registry profile, leadership award, approval letter and photo of the award ceremony attached.

 [Approval Letter](#)

 [2017 Maryland Green Registry Leadership Award](#)

 [Updated Maryland Green Registry Profile from 2017](#)

 [Photo from MD Green Registry Leadership Award Ceremony June 2017](#)

Green Purchasing

Green Purchasing Policy

15 Points

Priority

Program Summary:

At the town meeting on October 20, 2014, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners approved the Town of Emmitsburg Sustainable Procurement Policy (P2014 – 01) for use by the Town staff. The policy requests town staff use sustainable purchasing practices when choosing vendors and supplies for the Town. Town staff are asked to consider pollutant releases, toxicity, waste generation, greenhouse gas emission, energy consumption, depletion of natural resources and impact of biodiversity when making purchases or using a contractor. Policy 2014 – 01 and a memo from the Town Manager reminding employees of the purchasing policy are attached.

 [Green Purchasing Policy Documentation](#)

 [Memo Reminding Employees of Green Purchasing](#)

Natural Resources

Innovative Demonstration Projects

35 Points

Program Summary:

#1.) Compost Bins: On June 20, 2017, the Town submitted a purchase order to the Frederick City Department of Public Works for the purchase of 40 compost bins provided by Backyard Composting. The bins were purchased for \$28/each and sold for \$20/each (price determined

by Backyard Composting). The Town advertised the bins on Facebook, the Town website, flyers around town and during Town community events. Anyone living within the Emmitsburg area (verified by photo ID) could purchase a bin by coming to the town office. All 40 bins were sold by February 2018. The Town is hoping to purchase additional bins in the future.

#2.) LG Sonic Algae Control System: On April 11, 2017 the Town of Emmitsburg and Kershner Environmental Technologies installed an LG Sonic Algae and Biofilm Control system on Rainbow Lake. Rainbow Lake supplies drinking water for the Town of Emmitsburg. The new algae control system will help eliminate algae, which clogs the water system's filters and pumps. To clean the algae out of the water, the town has to use excess water and chemicals. The new algae control system is powered by solar energy and will use low non-toxic frequencies to collapse gas vesicles in the algae cell. Since installation, the water use has reduced from approximately 1.292 million gal/month to 600,000 gal/month, chemical usage and electrical usage have also reduced. #3.) Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Ash Tree Treatments: On September 13, 2017 the Town of Emmitsburg hired Bartlett Tree Experts to perform systemic root flare injection treatments (emamectin benzoate) on five ash trees in Emmitsburg's two main parks (Memorial and Community Park). The injections will help fight against the EAB beetle and were recommended by Maryland DNR after a ash tree inventory. Treatment will occur every two years with the next one in fall 2019. The trees are between 11" and 30" in diameter and provide needed shade. #4.) Natural Fertilizer Storage: The Town has a five-year contract with Denali Water (recently merged with Enviro Organic Technologies) for the storage of natural liquid organic chicken residuals at the Town's wastewater treatment plant. The residual fertilizes farm fields in lieu of toxic chemical fertilizers and also provides a use for the liquid residual created at chicken processing/packaging plants after the chicken is packaged. According to University of Georgia, it takes approximately 1,000 gallons of water to package 1,000 pounds of chicken. Denali Water works directly with chicken processing/packaging plants by removing the liquid residual after the packaging process is complete, then stores the liquid residual at the Town's lagoon until farmers are ready to put the fertilizer on their fields in the early spring and late fall. The lagoon holds approximately 4 million gallons. Denali Water works directly with the farmers who wish to use the residual fertilizer in lieu of chemicals by delivering the fertilizer from the Town's property to the farmers. The farmer is then responsible for application. The Town does not work directly with the farmers. The Town's Board of Commissioners voted to approved the contract between Denali Water and the Town on November 7, 2016. The lagoon is overseen by the Town's eight Department of Public Works employees, who ensure the property is up kept for fertilizer storage and is accessible by trucks bringing the fertilizer in/out of the property. The Town estimates \$5,000 is spent each year maintaining the premise. Denali Water pays the Town approximately \$80,000/year to use the facility.

 [Compost Bin Advertisement Flyer](#)

 [Picture of LG Sonic Algae Control System](#)

 [Copy of Ash Tree Treatment Invoice](#)

 [Picture of Compost Bin](#)

 [Natural Fertilizer Storage_Storage Agreement and Lease](#)

 [Natural Fertilizer_Lagoon Pictures](#)

Pet Waste

Adopt a Pet Waste Ordinance

5 Points

Program Summary:

On July 1, 2013, the Town of Emmitsburg adopted section 6.04.140 of the Town Code that makes the failure to remove pet waste from public property a municipal infraction punishable by a fine of up to \$25 per day, per occurrence. Since the Town was first initially certified as a Sustainable Maryland Town in 2015, nine pet waste stations have been added throughout Town to problem areas and transition points (e.g. the entrance to parks). The stations were installed in Community Park (2), Memorial Park (1), along East Lincoln Avenue (1) and along Silo Hill Road (1). In addition, three stations were installed at the new Emmitsburg Dog Park, which was built as an additional amenity to Community Park. In the Spring 2018 Town Newsletter, the Town included a section on the front page reminding residents of section 6.04.140 of the Town Code (see attached). On May 5, 2018 the Town held the grand opening ceremony for the Emmitsburg Dog Park. The Dog Park is split into two sections: small dogs (35lbs and less) and large dogs (36lbs and more). Each side of the Dog Park has a pet waste station to limit pet waste inside the park. In addition, a pet waste station was placed directly outside the Dog Park. A picture of the new dog park is also attached.

 [Town Code 6.04.140 - Removal of feces.](#)

 [Original Ordinance Passed 07/01/2013](#)

 [Dog Park Grand Opening - Ribbon Cutting](#)

 [Pet Waste Station Outside of Dog Park](#)

 [Pet Waste Station in Memorial Park](#)

Watershed Stewardship

Facilitate Engagement in Existing Watershed Stewardship Opportunities

10 Points

Program Summary:

Arbor Day Tree Planting: On April 28, 2018, the Town of Emmitsburg held the first ever Arbor Celebration and tree planting. The event was held in Community Park along Willow Rill, a

creek that runs through the park and is in desperate need of restoration. The section of the creek that runs through Community Park has little to no wild life and no brush or trees to help control flow during heavy rains. The Town planted 12 total trees (5 Red Maples, 5 River Birch, and 2 White Oaks) with the assistance of members from the Emmitsburg Green Team, Town Staff, Boy Scouts, Mount Saint Mary's University Rugby Team, FEMA, Lions Club, DNR, County Executive's Office and several other local organizations. There was no charge to participate. The trees were funded through a DNR grant called the Maryland Urban & Community Forestry Council (MUCFC) grant. The event was advertised on Facebook, the Town Newsletter, Town website, flyers, email invitations and word-of-mouth. In total, sixty people attended the event. A photo is attached showing the group that participated, the condition of the stream prior to the tree planting and the event flyer. In the future, the Town plans to have another tree planting in September 2019 along another section of Willow Rill. The Town is also planning to start a Community Clean-up Day in 2019 where residents would get together and pick-up trash in Town that washes into the waterways.

 [Group Photo of Event Participants](#)

 [Condition of Stream: Phase 1](#)

 [Tree Planting Event Flyer](#)

 [Map of Phase 1 and Phase 2 Location](#)

 [Condition of Stream: Phase 2](#)

Planning & Land Use

Innovative Demonstration Projects







25 Points

Program Summary:

Approximately 15 miles of natural surfaced multi-user trails have been created as part of a stacked loop network in the Emmitsburg Watershed. Trails vary by difficulty, but can be used by mountain bikers, hikers, bird watchers and trail runners. The Town of Emmitsburg has worked in conjunction with MORE, the Mid-Atlantic Off Road Enthusiasts, the Trail Conservancy, Mt. St. Mary's University, the Single-track Futures Foundation, IMBA, the International Mountain Bicycling Association, the Frederick Bicycle Coalition as well as local bikes shops WheelBase, Bicycle Escape, Bike Doctor (all in Frederick, Maryland) and Gettysburg Bicycle and Fitness to complete and maintain the trails. In 2005, the trail program started with a proposal from the Emmitsburg Parks and Recreation Committee and Town Council. The process then included formation of a Trails Feasibility Study and creation of a land evaluation study by the Potomac Conservancy. Each step of the trail development process has been presented in a deliberate fashion to the Town Council. Major actions such as trail design, routing and construction have been approved by open vote and/or board

consent. Elected commissioners have also participated in volunteer trail workdays and independent on-site reviews of trail development. This transparent process has consistently allowed and responded to citizen input. Funding has been provided by Recreational Trail Program grants, which are managed by Maryland's State Highway Administration. The Town's match has been provided by over 1,000 hours of volunteer work and approximately \$300,000 in private donations from the Single-track Futures Foundation. The Trail Conservancy, a non-profit organization, professionally designed and built the trails. Over 1,000 documented volunteer hours have been committed to the effort. Volunteer trail workdays occur in the spring and summer. In 2017, the workdays occurred on April 23, May 21, June 17 and August 5. Volunteers are typically treated to bagels, doughnuts, coffee, fruit, OJ and water prior to the work and a barbecue lunch afterwards. Volunteers are both locals and visitors from outside Emmitsburg. There are four total trails in Emmitsburg: 1.) Completed in July 2015, the Family Trail presents a fun challenge for young and new riders. This beginner trail has very modest climbs and beginner friendly loops, which allow riders to tailor their ride to their abilities. It is comprised of three short loops, totaling approximately 2.5 miles. 2.) The Beginner-Intermediate Trail is a 2.37-mile loop featuring flow lines, technical sections, alternate challenge lines and some rewarding climbs. 3.) The Intermediate-Advanced Trail presents longer climbs, technical rock gardens with multiple lines and fun berms. Demanding climbs and descents, technical rock gardens and challenge lines abound on the Advanced Trail. This trail is demanding, but offers reasonable bailout lines from many of its more difficult sections. Challenge lines here require strong mountain biking skills. 4.) The Connector Trail is on the east side of Hampton Valley Road and it crosses Crystal Fountain Road. It then links Crystal Fountain Road to Annandale Road. The former section is known as the Upper Connector and the latter section is known as the Lower Connector. A one mile ride to Community Park via a surface street connects trail users to downtown Emmitsburg. Plans are in place to link Lower Connector Trail to Community Park via trail that will be developed in the future. This new section may add an additional 4 miles of trail. The Trail Website can be found at www.mbtproject.com Search "Emmitsburg. A promotional video can be found here: [#2.](https://youtu.be/XjXXm_4XYaE)) Walkability Project: In 2016, the Town started discussions with the State Highway Administration (SHA) to replace all the sidewalks along Main Street (MD 140) and Seton Avenue with new sidewalks that are ADA compliant. New sections of sidewalk are also being added that will connect any sidewalk gaps. When complete in August 2018, the public will be able to walk from one side of the town to the other (east to west) on one continuous sidewalk without having to walk in the grass or along the street. The sidewalk will improve safety, public health and reduce reliance on vehicles. #3.) Sidewalk Connections: The Town has been focusing on improving sidewalk connectivity since fiscal year 2013. As of March 2018, eight total sidewalk connections have been made totaling 3,170 feet. Approximately \$14,000 per year is spent on sidewalk connections. Connections have been made at the following: 1. N. Seton to Northgate connector 2. Path from W. Lincoln into Community Park 3. Connector to exercise trail - Community Park 4. Potomac Street: S. Seton to Chesapeake Ave. 5. S. Seton to

Chesapeake Ave. (purchased easement on E. Lincoln) 6. E. Lincoln: Chesapeake to Creamery Rd. 7. W. Lincoln: School Ln. to Willow Dr. 8. Emmit Gardens to E. Main The attached map shows where the sidewalk connections have been made in proximity to the Town. The sidewalks allow residents to walk safely from one end of town to the other where businesses and restaurants are and reduce reliance on vehicles.




-  [Signage](#)
-  [MTB Website of Emmitsburg Trails](#)
-  [Trail Plan Documentation](#)
-  [Sidewalk Connections as of 2018](#)
-  [Trail Workday](#)
-  [New Sidewalk and Mayor](#)

Participation in DHCD Sustainable Communities

20 Points

Program Summary:

Since FY2013, the Town has received \$325,000 from Community Legacy Façade and Restoration Program funds, which have been applied to several buildings within the Sustainable Communities Area on a 50/50 State/Private basis. The Town has also received Streetscape Revitalization funding for use in conjunction with the State Highway Administration sidewalk project, as listed below: FY2013 - \$50,000, completely utilized for CL façade and restoration programs. FY2014 - \$50,000, completely utilized for CL façade and restoration programs. FY2015 - \$50,000, completely utilized for CL façade and restoration programs. FY2016 - \$50,000, nearing completion of project and filing of final report. FY2017 - \$50,000, funds committed to several projects, which will be underway summer 2018. FY2017 - \$75,000, funding for Streetscape Revitalization related to State Highway sidewalk project (Contract FR1715184). The attached photos show the comparison of some of the restoration efforts. In addition, a document is attached showing the Town's listing as an approved Sustainable Community on the DHCD website.

-  [Emmitsburg DHCD Sustainable Communities Application](#)
-  [Town of Emmitsburg listing on DHCD website](#)
-  [12 West Main Street Facade Restoration](#)
-  [1 - 3 West Main Street Facade Restoration](#)
-  [DHCD Projects Completed Since FY2013](#)